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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 1627

E.O. 11652: XGDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB,UR, GE

SUBJECT: DETENTION OF U.S. CITIZEN BY EAST GERMANS

REF: BERLIN 1615 (NOTAL)

1. WEST BERLIN ATTORNEY SALM CALLED CONSULAR OFFICER SEPTEMBER 17 TO INFORM THAT ANDREAS ALFRED STEINER HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN EAST BERLIN ON AUGUST 9 FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE OUT IN HIS CAR POLISH CITIZEN JERZY WYDERKA. STEINER CHARGED WITH "SUBVERSIVE TRADE IN HUMAN BODIES" (STAATSFINDLICHER MENSCHENHANDEL) UNDER ARTICLE 105 GDR PENAL CODE. HE IS BEING REPRESENTED BY EAST BERLIN ATTORNEY VOGEL. SALM HAS BEEN RETAINED BY STEINER'S FATHER, VIKTOR STEINER, WHO IS IN CONTACT WITH VOGEL. STEINER SR. RESIDES AT 3011 GARBSEN PLLRUF 6, FRG.

2. SALM'S INFORMATION THUS CONFIRMS OUR SUSPICIONS ABOUT STEINER'S FATE. ARTICLE 105 GDR PENAL CODE PROVIDES FOR PRISON SENTENCE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS. HOWEVER, SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SINCE THAT ARTICLE DEALS WITH EXFILTRATION OF GDR CITIZENS ONLY, TECHNICALLY IT  
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SHOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE IN STEINER'S CASE.

3. IN ABSENCE OF SOVIET REPLY TO OUR EARLIER INQUIRIES  
IN THIS MATTER, WE INTEND TO HAVE MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER  
MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART:

(A) SALM'S INFORMATION SUGGESTS STEINER PROBABLY U.S.  
CITIZEN ABOUT WHOSE POSSIBLE DETENTION WE INQUIRED AS  
FAR BACK AS SIX WEEKS AGO AND SPECIFICALLY LAST WEEK;  
(B) LACK OF HELPFUL SOVIET RESPONSE CONTRARY TO CUSTOMARY  
ARRANGEMENTS HERE IN BERLIN AND TO SPECIFIC PROMISES BY  
AMBASSADORS AMBRASIMOV AND YEFREMOV TO BE HELPFUL IN  
SUCH MATTERS; AND (C) WE ARE COUNTING ON SOVIET EMBASSY  
TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO PROTECT STEINER'S  
RIGHTS INCLUDING FACILITIES TO CORRESPOND WITH HIS FAMILY  
AND TO RECEIVE PACKAGES FROM THEM.KLEIN

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